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ROTTERDAM, *June 4.*

IT is eſteemed here very ſurpriſing in the preſent Circumſtances, when a War ſeems likely, for ſome Time at leaſt, to depend for its Succeſs [illegible] between Pruſſia and England, that the latter ſhould permit ſuch a Number of Swediſh, Daniſh, and other Ships, as for ſome Months paſt have been, and are now daily employed in tranſporting Cannon, Hemp, Maſts, and other marine Stores, from the Ports of the Baltick to thoſe in France, taking no Meaſures to prevent ſuch a contraband and deſtructive Commerce; as ſuch a Prevention would be the beſt, if not the only Means, of effectually reducing the preſent, and the projected Force of the French Marine: And if it could be made conſiſtent with the Honor of the Engliſh, it would certainly be agreeable to their Prudence, to prevent the Cargo of a Sloop from the North from thundering in the Mediterranean, and in America, in the Form of a 64 Gun Ship of France.

LONDON, *May 27.*

On Tueſday ſailed from Portſmouth the Prince George, Iſis, Hampton-Court, and Naſſau Men of War, with the Outward bound, for the Streights.

A Letter from on Board his Majeſty's Ship Falmouth, dated May 18, 1756.

"We are ſtill on our Cruize off the Iſle of Baſs, where we have blocked up four French Men of War, who (notwithſtanding all our Endeavours to provoke or invite them out to face us) cannot be prevailed on to quit their Holdfaſt, and try who are the beſt Men."

Tueſday Afternoon died of a Fever, at his Houſe in Chancery-lane, the Right Hon. Sir Dudley Ryder, Lord Chief Juſtice of England, for whom a Patent was preparing to create him a Peer by the Title of Lord Ryder, of Harrowby in Lincolnſhire.

On the 16th arrived at Beaumaris the Swan Sloop, Daniel Stringer Maſter, from Liſbon, with Wine and Fruit, who ſays that he left Liſbon the 20th Ult. and on the firſt Inſtant, in Lat. 49. 12. Long. 5. 40. W. from London, he was boarded by Capt. Paſhone of the Elizabeth, a French Ship of 250 Tons, mounted with ſix Guns, and 60 Men, of and from St. Malo, bound to Quebec with Proviſions and warlike Stores; that Paſhone opened all the Letters found on board the Sloop, took away and threw overboard the Bedding and Cloaths, five Watches, all Capt. Stringer's private Venture and Stores, 11 Chefts of Houſe Carpenter's Tools, belonging to 11 Paſſengers; and, after detaining Capt. Stringer four Days, obliged him to ranſom his Ship for £. 250, and leave his Mate as Hoſtage.

The Frenchmen, about four Days before had alſo taken the Nancy Brigantine, of and from London, bound to Gibraltar, laden chiefly with Porter, which was plundered in the ſame Manner, and afterwards ranſomed for £. 300, and the chief Mate given as Hoſtage, who told Capt. Stringer, that his Owner's Name was Mackenzie, Merchant in London.

May 25. Letters from Italy adviſe, that the Genoeſe have ſigned a Treaty with the French to aſſiſt them as Auxiliaries, for which the latter have agreed to pay a Subſidy of 150,000 Livres per Month, and that the Genoeſe have already furniſhed the French with 2500 Sailors. Theſe Letters add, that Half the Garriſon of Genoa are to be French, commanded by their own Officers; that no Engliſh Ships are to be admitted into the Ports of that Republic; and further, that the French have declared they will ſecure Corſica to the Genoeſe.

This Morning the Maſter of an Engliſh Merchant Ship, that came from St. Malo with a French Paſs, reports, that it is rumored there, that there has been an Action between Admiral Byng's Squadron and M. de la Galiſſoniere, and that ſeveral capital French Ships have been ſunk.

Newcaſtle, May 22. On Saturday the Maſter of a Veſſel cleared here for St. Sebaſtian, in Spain, with a Loading of Coals; but was afterwards (by the Honeſty of the Mate, to whom he had diſcovered his Intentions) detected, not only of uſing a fictitious Name for himſelf and Ship, but alſo of his being directly bound for Bourdeaux in France. The Veſſel is ſtopt on the ſaid Account, and a Paſs from under the French King's Hand has been ſince found in the Maſter's Cuſtody, in whoſe Service, we hear, he had engaged his Veſſel for five Months.

Saliſbury, May 24. The Body of Heſſian Soldiers, which landed on the 15th Inſtant at Southampton, conſiſts in the whole, according to the neareſt Computation we can gather, of 7130 Men, 696 Horſes to draw their Artillery, Baggage, &c. and 114 Pieces of Cannon. They are divided into eight Regiments, of 10 Companies to a Regiment, and 80 in a Company. Every Regiment hath 90 Engineers, 87 Horſes, and 18 Pieces of Artillery. They marched from the City of Caſſel in Germany the 31ſt of March, and arrived at Stade (which is 28 Miles from Hamburgh, and 130 from Caſſel) the 26th of April, where they immediately embarked for England, and were about 16 Days in their Paſſage to Hampton River. On Thurſday five Companies of them arrived in this City, and on Friday came in five more, one Regiment in the whole, and ſome Women. How long they will continue here, or how ſoon they may be encamped, we cannot as yet learn. They make a very handſome Appearance, being in general tall and ſtraight, though but ſlender made. Their Livery is blue turned up with red, and trimmed with white, in Imitation of Silver Lace: They all wear a Pig-tail, middle of their Hair [illegible] reaching down below their Waiſt. The Officers, who are [illegible] Men, are richly dreſſed in blue, trimmed with Gold Lace, and Lace to their Hats is remarkably broad. Their Behaviour is very civil [illegible] and are liked. The common Soldiers are under ſtrict Diſcipline, and carry themſelves with great Decency and good Manners.

Extract of a Letter from Plymouth, dated May 25.

"We have a Piece of agreeable News here, which gives us ſome Hopes that Part of the Fleet has been [illegible] The Maſter of a Sloop, belonging to this Port, came from Guernſey Laſt Night, and ſays, there was a Boat came from St. Malo juſt as he ſailed, and gave an Account they had News there that Admiral Byng had an Engagement with the Toulon Squadron, and had taken ſome and ſunk ſome, but farther Particulars they give us not."

Extract of a Letter from Portſmouth, June 4.

"On Wedneſday arrived the Surprize, with a Convoy of 12 Tranſports from the Downs, who have on Board Officers and Recruits for the Regiments in North-America. They will ſail in a Day or two, under Convoy of the Stirling-Caſtle, Capt. Corniſh."

"We are well informed that General Blakeney was bravely defending St. Philip's Caſtle the 22d of May, having made ſeveral Sallies, and done the Enemy great Damage by ſpiking their Cannon, &c. 'Tis ſaid he had cauſed three Officers of the Garriſon, who were ſuſpected to be Traitors, to be hanged; and likewiſe four other Perſons, who had taken Shelter in the Caſtle.

Extract of a Letter from on Board the Yarmouth, off Ushant, June 4.

"I am going to relate a very bold Action, which was performed on the ſeventh of laſt Month by Capt. Cockburn, in the Hunter Cutter, a little Thing, with only 40 Men, and a few Swivels. He kept loitering about Breſt all Day, and at Night went in with his Boat and only five Men; when, after having rowed round all the Men of War, and taken a particular Account of them, he cut the Cable of a French Snow, boarded her, and carried her away from among the Men of War. She was loaded with Wine, which hath been diſtributed to all the Fleet. We have got 13 Hogſheads; and Yeſterday, after having taken every Thing out of her, ſhe was ſunk."

Extract of a Letter from Monſ. de la Galiſſoniere, dated on Board the Protecteur, the 22d of May, before Port-Mahon.

"On the 17th of May, in the Evening, Advice was [illegible] that ſhe had deſcried an Engliſh Squadron, which then [illegible] or ten Leagues to the South.

"The 18th the Squadron got in Readineſs to go and meet the Engliſh, but was prevented by a Calm.

"The 19th, in the Morning, we deſcried the Engliſh Squadron from the Top-maſt Heads, and the two Squadrons drew pretty near each other that Day, but never were within Gun-ſhot; which was not our Fault, as the Engliſh were to Windward of us.

"The 20th the French Admiral worked about ſo as to gain the Wind; but, juſt as he had got into a favourable Poſition for it, the Wind ſhifted in ſuch a Manner as ſtill left this Advantage to the Engliſh Squadron.

"At Half an Hour paſt two in the Afternoon, the two Squadrons were in Line of Battle, and began the Engagement. The Engliſh conſiſted of 18 Sail, of which 13 were of the Line, and ours of 12 Ships of the Line, and four Frigates.

"The Action laſted above three Hours and an Half, but was not general all the Time. The Engliſh Ships that ſuffered moſt from our Broadſides, got to Windward again out of Gun-ſhot; they all along preſerved this Advantage, that they might keep clear of us as they pleaſed. After having made their greateſt Efforts on our Rear Diviſion, which they found ſo cloſe, and from which they were ſo furiouſly cannonaded, that they could not break in upon it, they reſolved to ſhear off, and did not appear again all the next Day, being the 21ſt.

"In general none of their Ships long ſtood the Fire of ours. The Ships of our Squadron ſuffered but little; they were repaired in the Night, and fit to fight the next Morning.

"Meſſrs. de Peruſſy and Potier, Enſigns, were killed. Total of the killed 38, and of the wounded 115."

That there has been an Engagement in the Mediterranean, which has not proved ſo ſucceſsful as was expected, is allowed by moſt ſenſible impartial Men; but we may be allowed to doubt whether all the Particulars in the above Account are ſtrictly true.

Sunday Morning Lord Tyrawley, the Earl of Panmure, Admiral Hawke, Admiral Saunders, and ſeveral other Officers of Diſtinction, ſet out Poſt for Portſmouth, in Order to embark there for Gibraltar. Lord Tyrawly is going to take the Command of that Fortreſs; the Earl of Panmure to join his Regiment there, and the two Admirals are, 'tis confidently ſaid, to command in the Mediterranean.

Dr. Pinfold, one of the Civilians at Doctors Commons, lately appointed by his Majeſty Governor of the Iſland of Barbados, in the Room of the Hon. Mr. Greenville, will embark in a few Days on Board the Gofport Man of War for his Government.

It is reported that 20 Sail of [illegible] are ſailed from Toulon.

HALIFAX, [illegible]

We hear that Commodore Boys, a little before taking the two Prizes, took the Advantage of a good Opportunity, with the Squadron under his Command, to pay our Neighbours of Louiſbourg a Viſit with his French Colours flying, which mightily pleaſed the Governor, they expecting it had been their Fleet. Their Signs of Joy were plain enough to be perceived by the Diſplay of their Colours, and other Tokens of Satiſ-

faction: The Commodore went so near as plainly to perceive, by the Help of Glasses, Numbers of People upon the Ramparts looking out to see them; but their Hopes being thus railed were as soon disappointed, when they saw them put about and strike their French Colors, at the same Time hoisting English: This put them into great Confusion, which might plainly be perceived by their running about upon the Ramparts, striking their Colors, and firing some Shot after them, which however falling short, the Commodore with his Squadron returned safe to their Station.

We hear there were but two Men of War at that Time in that Harbour.

On Monday last his Majesty's Ship Grafton, Commodore Holmes, and his Majesty's Ship Nottingham, Capt. Marshal, sailed from this Place with a fair Wind, in Order to join Commodore Spry with the Squadron cruising off Louisbourg. At their Departure they were complimented with the Discharge of the Cannon from the Batteries in the Town, which was handsomely returned by the Commodore.

We hear Capt. Rous in his Majesty's Ship Success, is to sail in a few Days for the same Place. Also the Baltimore for the Bay of Fundi; and the Ulysses, Capt. Rogers, for the Bay Vert.

July 17. Last Saturday in the Afternoon, Capt. Kent with his Party of Volunteers, about 40, who had been after the Indians, returned here. They travelled upward of 100 Miles to and fro in the Woods after them but without Success. They inform that a Number of the rebel French have got together and made a small Settlement about 20 Miles from — Fort at Pisquit, where they have fine Fields of Corn, &c. growing, and have rebuilt some Houses and Barns. Capt. Kent's Party brought to Town with them about 170 Head of French Cattle, and 17 good Horses.

Last Thursday his Majesty's Ship Success, Capt Rous, sailed from this Place for the Fleet off Louisbourg; as did the Ulysses, Capt. Rogers, and Capt. Knox, in an armed Sloop, with a small Schooner as a Tender, for the Bay Vert; and Capt. Metcalf in a Sloop, with 26 fat Oxen, some Sheep, &c. for the Fleet.

BOSTON, *July* 26.

By the Advice of a Courier from Albany, we are informed, that the Provincial Army, commanded by General Winslow, decamped from Half-Moon the 15th Instant, and had marched to Fort Hardy by the 18th, the great Number of Waggons, Carts, &c. which carried the Artillery, Provisions, &c. obliging them to make easy Marches: The Army is to encamp for a few Days between the Forts Edward and William Henry, to favor the Conveyance of the Provisions, &c. to the Lake: when this is effected, they will proceed immediately upon Action; 2000 regular Troops are following them, and take Possession of the Forts and Passes our People are to leave: A Communication is to be kept open between them, that the Provincials may receive their Assistance, if necessary. Our Army now consists of upwards of 7000 effective Men, exclusive of the Regulars— a perfect Harmony at present prevails, and, we doubt not, the wise and prudent Behaviour of the British Officers will gain the Affections of the Americans, and greatly promote the common Cause: the present Plan of Operations is generally approved, with our united Strength, to act on the Side of Crown Point. If that Fort and the Pass of Ticonderoga is gained, a Passage is opened to the Heart of Canada—The Conduct of the Enemy last Year, [illegible] Importance of this Pass: Frontenac [illegible] Body of Regulars, Canadians and Indians, were turned this Way——If we succeed, the Communication with the great Lakes may be cut off, Du Quesne, Niagara and Frontenac, fall of Course, and these Waters may then be effectually secured to us, and the Indian Trade which flows through them——Our Prospect is favourable——the Enemy not so numerous as expected, and many of their Indians carried off by the Small-pox last Year——but two Battalions of Regulars yet arrived——the Intelligence to be gained by the brave Captain Rogers to be depended upon——An open War will now allow us full Scope——but favourable as the present Appearances are, the Scene may soon be changed——and nothing can insure us Success, but that Divine Aid, which we have been in a public and solemn Manner imploring.

By a Vessel arrived last Week at Marblehead from the Streights, we have the following Account from Barcelona, of May 11, viz. That the French landed at Minorca, in 180 Transports, 25000 Men (convoyed by 20 Sail of the Line) commanded by the Duke de Richlieu, who, after his landing, sent a Flag of Truce to General Blakeney, Commander in Chief of that Island, in Order to demand Fort St. Philip: but his Reply was, That he was now an old Man, and could not, by the Course of Nature, live much longer; and as he had already faithfully served his Britannick Majesty, he should not deliver it up; and that if he should be killed, he did not doubt of their finding his Second. That he (Blakeney) had already destroyed 2000 of the Enemy: That the Duke had sent for a Reinforcement of 5000 Men: That Commodore Edgecombe had been at Gibraltar, and cleaned, and had joined the Admirals Byng and West——

By the Captain of a scouting Party of ours, we find that the French have at their Camp at Fort Carolong (alias Ticonderoga) 330 Tents, 70 Log-Houses, 2000 Forces at that Place and Crown Point, and more expected. This was for Capt. Rogers's Party.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer at Fort William Henry on Lake George, dated July 6, 1756.

"We live here exceeding well, and have every Thing that is comfortable. This Place seems to thrive, and to be in a likely Way of becoming a flourishing Place. We have Vessels and Storehouses raising and building continually, which makes all alive. There was one Vessel launched Yesterday, and another ready to be launched in a few Days; and two or three more to set up immediately. ——We have Scouts going out daily, in order to discover our persidious Enemies, the French and Indians, who are continually looking about us; but we hope, by Divine Assistance, to put an End to their blood-thirsty Designs."...

We are informed that Sir William Johnson, at the late Onondaga Treaty, concluded a Peace with the Chiefs of the Shawnese and Delaware Indians, the former of which denied that ever his People had committed Hostilities against the English, the latter acknowledged that some of his People had been seduced by the French Indians in the French Interest, of which they heartily repented, and promised, that the Prisoners which fell to their Share, should be returned. They laid down the Ax, accepted the War Belt, and sung the War Song, promising to follow the Examples of their Uncles the Six Nations, in taking up the Hatchet against the French, and all their Adherents.

Tuesday arrived here Capt. Inglish from Cagliari, last from Malaga, who advises, That on the 20th of May, being to the Southward of Minorca, not less than 25 Leagues Distance, he heard the firing of Guns from 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon till six in the Evening, which he imagined to be an Engagement between two Fleets.——On the fourth of June he arrived at Malaga, where he reported the above: Two Days afterwards he sailed; but in two Days more he was obliged to return to said Port, when he was told by the Gentlemen there, that his Report was confirmed, as an Express came in the eighth of June from Barcelona, who brought an Account, that the English Fleet appeared off the above Island the 20th of May, when the French Fleet engaged them: and, by the French Account, they had a very smart Engagement, which lasted seven Hours, and then left off with Consent; many Men killed on both Sides, and the English Fleet superior in Number:——The Accounts also mentioned, that, after the Engagement, the English Fleet stood to the Southward; but as Capt Inglish was to the Southward of them, and not meeting with any the next Day, it is probable the English Fleet had so much the Advantage as to get into Port-Mahon with the Reinforcements.—— The Wind at the Time of the Engagement was at W. or W. S. W. light Winds and hazy Weather.

We have no later Account of the Siege of Port-Mahon by Capt Inglish; and as he left Malaga the ninth of June, it is thought the Fort continued to make a good Resistance; and if the Succours timely arrived, they would oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege.

Capt. Dewar arrived the same Day from Cadiz, which Place he left the 16th of June, who informs, that the next Morning after he sailed, he fell in with eight British Ships of War from 90 to 60 Guns, about 16 Leagues from Gibraltar, under full Sail, with a fair and strong Gale of Wind, bound to the Mediterranean, to reinforce Admiral Byng's Squadron: They had such Way, that he had only Time to let them know there had been an Engagement.

Yesterday Morning Capt. Staniford arrived at Ipswich in 43 Days from Lisbon, who confirms the Account of the Engagement between the English and French Squadrons off Mahon; and adds, that they had Advice that, after the Action was over, the French Ships had stood away for Toulon, or some other Port, to refit; and as they had then received no Account of the English Squadron, 'tis concluded that they had got into Port-Mahon Harbour.---A Letter from Lisbon, of the 16th of June, confirms the Declaration of War against France in London, the 18th of May; and adds, that it was delared in France against Great Britain on the 22d;---and mentions, that, by the last Accounts, the French had advanced very little in their Attack upon the Castle of Port-Mahon.

August 2. We have the following melancholy Account from the Westward, viz. That 3 of our Carpenters being at Work in the Woods near Lake-George, within Half a Mile of one of the Forts, and under a Guard of a Captain and 60 Men, and the Captain discovering Indians in the Bushes hard by, ran away with his Men, and called to the Carpenters to make the best of their Way, for that there were Indians; but the Guard being gone, the Indians attacked the poor Carpenters, and killed eight of them: The other five made Shift to recover the Fort. 'Tis said the Indians were about 30 in Number, and that the Captain is broke for his ill Behaviour. [*If this turns out to be true, the Publisher has a wooden Sword of curious Workmanship at the Captain's Service.*]

By a Vessel from Halifax we hear, that a French Brigantine and a small Privateer (taken by our Men of War) were arrived there.

NEW-YORK, *August* 9.

We are credibly informed that, about five Weeks ago, there was at Cape Francois, one Ship of War of 74 Guns, two of 64, one of 54, and two Frigates, one of 36 Guns, and the other of 28; that several English Vessels had lately been carried in there; one a large Schooner, with 20 Horses on Deck, one a small Schooner, and a Brig commanded by Capt. Butterfield, bound to Santa Croix from Georgia: That about 50 Sail then lay at the Cape, loading with Sugars, &c. for old France; but that Men were so scarce, that it was thought a most impracticable to obtain a Sufficiency of Seamen to navigate them to Europe; and that a great many single Ships had arrived there from Home lately.

By several Persons that arrived here from Albany since our last, we learn, that the Earl of Loudon, with the Gentlemen that attended him, arrived safe at that Place on Thursday last; that a Party of young Men from Albany were gone among the Indians, in Order to engage a few of them to go out a scalping with them, and that 15 of Otway's Regiment, and 15 of the Highlanders, under the Command of Lieutenant Kennedy, were to set out for the Indian Country in a few Days on the same Design.

A Letter from Oswego, dated the 15th of July, says, We are all well here, and only wait for Guns, for the new Vessels: The Brig is now rigged, will carry 14 Guns very well, and I think a fine Vessel of her Size; however the Brig. Sloop Ontario, and the new Sloop, are to go upon a Cruize on Sunday next.

Thursday last Capt Gordon arrived here from Cork with Provisions, &c for the Army.

Friday last Capt. Butler arrived here in 14 Days from Halifax, and says, that as he came out, he saw three large Vessels standing in, which he imagined were Men of War.

We have now in this Harbour fitted out, and fitting for Privateers, one Snow, two Brigs, one Schooner, and five Sloop; and we are told there are several large Vessels to be immediately put on the Stocks, and finished with all Expedition, in Order to cruize against his Majesty's Enemies.

The Mary, Capt Pell, and the Hardy, Capt Grantham, are both to fall down to the Watering-place, in a Day or two; and only wait for a few Men before they proceed on their Cruize. Capt. Wayman, in the Snow Earl of Loudon, will soon follow.

Extract of a Letter from Rotterdam, May 25.

"The Declaration of War by England against France, which arrived here on Saturday last, has greatly changed the Countenances of the People of this Place, who have not Resolution enough to assist their Friends, or oppose their Enemies. The Island of Minorca is like to prove too tough a Morsel for the Duke de Richlieu to swallow. We have an Account that the British Squadron, under the Command of Admiral Byng, was at Gibraltar the 24th Ult. took in a Regiment of Soldiers there, and sailed for Minorca the 27th, so that there is no Doubt but Monsr de Galissoniere knows his Fate before this Time; and by the Letters received from France Yesterday, the French Court, as well as their General, are sick of their Expedition against Mahon, as the Soldiers die like rotten Sheep for Want of Necessaries, being exposed to excessive Heat on the Rocks all Day, and

have not even Straw to comfort or protect them from the Dews of the Night. I wish they may have no better Success on your Side the Water, that their Pride may soon be humbled, and they be obliged to attend to the Voice of Reason and Justice, that Peace may be restored to the trading World."

PHILADELPHIA, *August* 5.

We have Advice from Cumberland County, that on the 22d Ult. about 60 Indians appeared before Fort Granville, and challenged the Commander of it to come out and fight them; but he being but weak handed, did not think proper to accept of the Challenge: That they fired at, and wounded one of the Men that belonged to the Fort in the Thigh, who happened to be a little Way from it, but not so badly but that he got safe in; that they lurked about the Place for some Time, expecting to catch some of our People, but they being upon their Guard, were disappointed; and that then they went off, after shooting down all the Cattle they could find.

We hear further from the same Place, that on Thursday last twelve Indians (Part of those that were at Fort Granville) went to the Plantation of one Baskins, near Junietta, whom they murdered in a cruel Manner, burnt his House, and carried off his Wife and Children: That one Hugh Carroll and his Family were made Prisoners about the same Time by some Indians, who asked Carroll a great many Questions, particularly with Respect to the Strength of Harris's, Hunter's and M'Kee's Forts; and said they would soon shew him a great Number of French and Indians, who, they told him, were coming down to fall upon this Province; but that he, notwithstanding they thought they had tied him very securely, made Shift to untie himself in the Night, and made his Escape.

WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 27.

This Day arrived in this City the Honorable *Philip Ludwell* Esq; from *New-York*, where he has been to congratulate the Right Honorable the Earl of LOUDOUN, in the Name of the Governor and Council of this Colony, on his Appointment to be Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces on this Continent, and Governor of this Colony, and on his safe Arrival in *America*, and was received in the most complaisant Manner.

We can with Certainty inform the Public, that Letters have been received from *Lisbon* and the *Mediterranean* by some Gentlemen of the first Note in *Philadelphia*, advising, that Admiral *Byng*, on the 20th of *May*, off of *Minorca*, engaged the *French* Fleet, and totally defeated them; that the Sea running very high, he had not an Opportunity of landing his Forces immediately, but was obliged to wait till the Swell abated.

Extract of a Letter from Winchester, dated August 17, 1756.

"On *Sunday* Colonel *Washington* having received his Majesty's Declaration of War against the *French* King, with the Governor's Commands to proclaim it in the most solemn Manner, he ordered the three Companies of the *Virginia* Regiment at this Place, to appear under Arms on the grand Parade at three o'Clock, on the Evening of the next Day; when attended by the principal Gentlemen of this Town, they marched in regular Order to Fort *Loudon*, where the Soldiery being properly drawn up, the Declaration was read aloud; His Majesty's, and many other loyal Healths were drank, Success to his Majesty's Arms, and a total Extirpation of the *French* out of *America*, under a triple Discharge of the Artillery, and three Rounds of Musquetry, with loud Acclamations of the People. After this they marched in regular Order round the Town, proclaimed it at the Cross Streets, and being retired to the grand Parade, it was again read, and the Men dismissed by Colonel *Washington* with the following Exhortation.

"You see, Gentlemen Soldiers, that it hath pleased our most gracious Sovereign to declare War in Form against the *French* King, and (for divers good Causes, but more particularly for their ambitious Usurpations and Encroachments on his *American* Dominions) to pronounce all the said *French* Kings Subjects and Vassals, to be Enemies to his Crown and Dignity, and hath willed and required all his Subjects and People, and in a more especial Manner commanded his Captain General of his Forces, his Governors, and all other his Commanders and Officers, to do and execute all Acts of Hostility in the Prosecution of this just and honorable War; and though our utmost Endeavours can contribute but little to the Advancement of his Majesty's Honor, and the Interest of his Governments, yet, let us shew our willing Obedience to the best of Kings, and by a strict Attachment to his royal Commands, demonstrate the Love and Loyalty we bear to his Sacred Person; let us by Rules of unerring Bravery strive to merit his royal Favor, and a better Establishment as a Reward for our Services."

Expresses were immediately dispatched by the Colonel to Fort Cumberland, *and all our other Garrisons, with Orders to proclaim it there at the Head of the Troops.*

On the 11th Instant, as two Men were going up to their Farms on *Cacapehon*, they were fired upon about Sunset by an *Indian* lying in Ambush, and the foremost of them shot through the Thigh, but they happily escaped, and about eight o'Clock next Day brought an Account of it to *Winchester*, upon which Colonel *Washington* immediately ordered out a Party of brisk active Men under Captain Lieutenant M'Neil, to the Roads contiguous to that Place, with Orders to divide his Party, and to lie in Secret upon the most suspected Paths for three or four Days, which he accordingly did, but returned without making any further Discovery than two Hogs being shot and ripped open, but otherwise untouched, supposed to be done about two Days before he got there, and by some other trifling Circumstances, he imagined the Party had made towards the *Hilligasys*: No Mischief has been done since.

Entered Inwards, in the lower District of James River.

July 3. Carlisle, John Towers, from Whitehaven, with European Goods.
5. Betty, James Falconer, from Antigua, with 30 Barrels of Sugar, 30 Hhds. 10 Tierces of Rum.
5. Industry, Matthias Miller, from Barbados, with 6 Hhds. of Melasses, 5 Hhds. and 101 Barrels of Sugar, and 240 Hhds. of Rum.
9. Goodintent, Lewis Johnson, from Bermuda, with 1000 Weight of Sugar, 3 Hhds. of Rum, and 30 Barrels of Salt.
20. Speedwell, John Trent, from Bermuda, with 46 Hhds. of Melasses, and 2 Hhds. of Rum.
22. Betty, John Raines, from St. Kitts, with 5 Hhds. of Rum, 6 Casks of Melasses, and 600 Bushels of Salt.
23. Crowle, James Chapman, from Lisbon, in Ballast.
27. Rebecca, Patrick Curle, from Barbados, with 20 Hhds. of Rum, and 30 Barrels of Sugar.
29. Hornet, Richard Willis, from Philadelphia, with 1100 Bushels of Salt, 6 Boxes of Soap, 20 Pieces of Rolls, and 3 Barrels of Spanish Brown.
July 21. Success, John Allmond, from Lisbon, in Ballast.
26. Little David, John Phillipson, from New-York, with two Casks of Sugar.

Cleared Outwards,

9. Corbin, Archibald M'Caul, for Barbados, with 250 Bushels of Corn, 10 Kegs of Bread, 10 Barrels of Flour, and 6000 Shingles.
9. Peggy, Joseph Thrift, for Bermuda, with 2600 Bushels of Corn, 2 Setts of Sparrs, 14 Pieces of Timber, and 20 Barrels of Pork.
15. William, William Conner, for Barbados, with 2100 Bushels of Corn, 42 Barrels of Bread, 147 Barrels of Flour, 4 Barrels of Gammons, 4000 Staves, and 1600 Hoops.
15. Anvil, Thomas Smith, for Barbados, with 1700 Bushels of Corn, 40 Bushels of Pease, 20 Barrels of Pork, 2000 Weight of Bread, and 6 Boxes of Candles.
15. Upton, Thomas Birch, for Liverpool, with 1991 Barrels of Tar, 30 Barrels of Turpentine, 146 Feet of Plank, and 7000 Staves.
17. Ark, John Newbould, for Bermuda, with 1600 Bushels of Corn, and 20 Barrels of Pork.
21. Goodintent, Lewis Johnson, for Antigua, with 900 Bushels of Corn, and 10,000 Shingles.
24. Helena, Stafford Joell, for Madeira, with 1940 Bushels of Wheat, 976 Bushels of Corn, 20 Barrels of Beef, 8 Barrels of Pork, 9 Barrels of Wax, and 3000 Staves.

Cleared Outwards in York-*River.*

Aug. 4. New Hatley, Elisha Bell, for London, with 510 Hhds. Tobacco, 9000 Staves, 20 Tons of Iron, and 5 Doz. of Handspikes.
4. Betsey, James Ellen, for London, with 346 Hhds. Tobacco, 8000 Staves, 30 Tons of Iron, 7 Hhds. 3 Tier. of Sugar, 2 Hhds. of dressed Deer Skins, and 1 Pipe of Wine.
5. Olive Branch, Samuel Gould for Barbados, with 2000 Staves, 2108 Bushels of Corn, and 1300 Shingles.
11. Billy and Sukey, Jeffery Power, for London, 117 Hhds. of Tobacco, 3400 Staves, and 1 Ton of Iron.
12. York Packet, Robert Robertson, for Antigua, with 1300 Bush. of Corn, and 1000 Shingles.
13. Jacob, James Noel, for St. Kitts, with 900 Bushels of Corn, 4500 Shingles, 20 Bar. of Pork, 35 Bar. of Flour, and 37 Tierces of Bread.
13. Ann, William Perry, for Bristol, with 304 Hhds. of Tobacco, 6500 Staves, and 28 Tons of Iron.
18. Whiting, John Finch, for London, with 85 Hhds. of Tobacco, and 2000 Staves.
20. Patriot, Thomas Dixon, for Bristol, with 479 Hhds. of Tobacco, 9000 Staves, 40 Tons of Iron, 200 Feet of Walnut Plank, and 6 Dozen of Handspikes.
23. Murdock, Robert Hamilton, for Glasgow, with 409 Hhds. of Tobacco, 12,800 Staves, 160 Pieces of Heading, and 20 Dozen of Hoops.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Camp at MAIDSTONE, *August* 11, 1756.

DESERTED last Night, from the Detachment of the *Virginia* Regiment at this Place, the following Soldiers, viz.

Matthew Flower, born in *Maryland*, 20 Years of Age, five Feet nine Inches high, light brown Hair, a thin spare Man, had on, when he deserted, a Check Shirt, a Pair of old Flannel Breeches, light coloured Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

Thomas Hammond, born in *Maryland*, 19 Years of Age, six Feet high, a lusty well set Man, of a light Complexion, dark brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, his Regimental Coat, a Pair of Linnen Breeches, a Check Shirt, a Pair of light coloured Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of old Shoes.

William Stocksdill, born in *Maryland*, 17 Years of Age, five Feet seven Inches high, a stout hardy Lad, of a light Complexion, dark brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a light coloured Cloth Jacket, a white Shirt, a Pair of old Cloth Breeches, light blue Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

Edmund Constantine, born in *Maryland*, 19 Years of Age, five [illegible] a light Complexion, light brown Hair, [illegible] had on, when he deserted, a white Cotton Jacket, Linnen Drawers, [illegible] coloured Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of old Shoes.

Cornelius Chapman, born in *Maryland*, 19 Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, a well set Lad, of a dark Complexion, had on, when he deserted, a blue gray Cloth Coat, a Linnen Jacket, Leather Breeches, blue Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

Abraham Whittaker, born in *Maryland*, 19 Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, well set, of a dark Complexion, light brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a dark coloured Cloth Coat, Linnen Jacket, Leather Breeches, blue Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

Robert Craighead, born in *Maryland*, five Feet five Inches high, black Hair, had on, when he deserted, a blue Cloth Jacket, Leather Breeches, old Stocking Leggins, and a Pair of old Shoes.

Isaac Whittaker, born in *Maryland*, 21 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, a stout well set Man, of a light Complexion, light brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a Cotton Jacket, Linnen Drawers, and blue Worsted Stockings.

John Davison, born in *Maryland*, 24 Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, a thin spare Man, of a dark Complexion, short black Hair, much curled, had on, when he deserted, a blue Cloth Coat and Jacket, Leather Breeches, Thread Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

James Linch, born in *Ireland*, 26 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, of a dark Complexion, black Hair, had on, when he deserted, a brown Cloth Jacket, Leather Breeches, old Stockings and Shoes.

Peter Williams, born in *Maryland*, 20 Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, well set, of a light Complexion, dark brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a Cotton Jacket, Leather Breeches, Yarn Leggins, and old Shoes.

Samuel Saunders, born in *Maryland*, 22 Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, well set, of a fair Complexion, light brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a blue gray Jacket, Leather Breeches, blue Worsted Stockings, and a Pair of Shoes.

James Barnett, born in *Maryland*, 22 Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, a stout hearty Man, of a light Complexion, light brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a Pair of blue gray Cloth Breeches, and a white Shirt.

Francis Brothers, born in *Maryland*, 21 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, well set, of a light Complexion, brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a Cotton Jacket, Sheep-skin Breeches, old Stockings and new Shoes.

Peter Constantine, born in *Maryland*, 18 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, well set, of a light Complexion, brown Hair, had on, when he deserted, a white Shirt, and a Pair of Linnen Drawers.

George Wilson, born in *Maryland*, 19 Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches and three Quarters high, slim made, long brown Hair, much freckled, had on, when he deserted, his Regimental Coat and Jacket, Leather Breeches, and large double rimmed brass Buckles in his Shoes.

David Glendaxing, born in *Scotland*, 35 Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches and a Quarter high, of a brown Complexion, long brown Hair, and much fretted with the Small-pox. He has a sly insinuating Tongue, has a good Walk, well made, and much the Appearance of a Soldier. He has his Regimentals on, when he deserted. Whoever will bring the said Deserters, or any one of them, to the commanding Officer at *Winchester*, or deliver them to any Officer belonging to the Regiment, shall have two Pistoles Reward for each Deserter.

All Persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring or entertaining Deserters. As many as can be detected in so infamous a Practice, may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost Rigour of the Law.

WHEREAS *Sarah Holman*, a Niece of mine, under Age, and to whom I am Guardian, hath lately made an Elopement from me, and, as I believe, with an Intent to marry one *Sneed* (alias *Cracksfield*) and as I think it will be greatly to her Disadvantage, this is to give Notice to all County-Court Clerks not to grant them Marriage Licenses, and to all Ministers not to marry them by Publication of Banns. And not knowing what Part of the Colony they may resort to, to accomplish their Design, am obliged to make Use of this Method to prevent them. *Benjamin Brown.*

A PERSON who understands teaching of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, and comes well recommended, may meet with good Encouragement, by applying to the Subscriber in *Prince-George* County.

Theodorick Bland.

To be SOLD, on Monday *the 27th Day of* September *next, if fair, if not, the next fair Day, at the late Dwelling House of Colonel* John Martin, *deceased, in* King-William *County,*

A TRACT of Land in *Hanover* County, containing 1616 Acres, some fashionable Plate, sundry Sorts of Houshold and Kitchen Furniture, some European Goods just imported, a four wheeled Chaise, a Pole Chair, some good old *Madeira* Wine, and many other Things of Value. Credit will be given 'til the first of *June* next, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security to the Executors.

N. B. All Persons that are indebted to the said Estate, or have any Demands against it, are desired to bring in their Accounts, in Order to have them adjusted. For that End, Attendance will be given at the above mentioned Place, on *Thursday*, *Friday*, and *Saturday* before the Day of Sale.

IMPORTED in the Ship *Johnson*, *John Gerwith* Master, from *Liverpool*, this Summer, the following Packages of Goods, now in *Archibald Ritchie*'s Warehouse at *Tappahannock*, for which no Owner has as yet appeared, viz. A large Cask of Hats, marked M G, a small Cask, and a Hamper containing two Cheeses, marked W T No. 2 and a Crow's Foot between the W and the T, likewise a Hamper containing four Cheeses, marked T, and a small Keg of Gunpowder containing 10 Pounds. Any Person proving their Property to any of the above Goods, may have them on paying the Charge of this Advertisement, and Warehouse Rent.

Archibald Ritchie.

To be SOLD at October Fair next, in Fredericksburg, *pursuant to the last Will and Testament of* William Woodford *of* Caroline *County,*

SIXTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, or thereabouts, lying on *Nassponix* Run, within seven Miles of *Fredericksburg* Town, and not more than three Miles from *Rappahannock* River. Six Months Credit will be allowed, on giving Bond and Security to the Executors.

N. B. Many Gentlemen who purchased Effects at the Sale of *Woodford*'s Estate, have applied to pay for the same: They are desired not to delay the Payment longer than *October* Fair, where Attendance will be given for that Purpose.

TO be sold for ready Money, Gold and Silver, to the highest Bidder, at Vendue, the 30th Day of *August*, at the House of *Robert Warren*, near *Moherrin* River, 40 new Negroes, consisting of two Men, two Women, and sundry Boys and Girls, all lately imported from *Africa*, and very healthy, having been in the Country since *November*, and well seasoned. They may be sold before the Day appointed, at private Sale, by

John Campbell, or,
Robert Warren.

TAKEN up at the Plantation of the Subscriber, on *Jacky*'s Neck, some Time last Winter, a brindled Cow with a Crop in the left Ear, and two Slits in the right. The Owner may have her on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

John Tate.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber in *Bedford* County, a dark gray Horse, branded on the near Shoulder thus I S, about four Years old, and has some Saddle Spots. He has been posted, and appraised at four Pounds fifteen Shillings. The Owner may have him [illegible] Law directs.

Nathaniel Terry.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber in *Caroline* County, near *Burks* Bridge, a large white Horse, branded on the near Buttock thus I 479. He has been appraised to five Pounds ten Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

John Penn.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in the upper End of *Goochland* County, a bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock thus I: his left hind Foot white, a small Star on his Forehead, a Snip on his Nose, a short bushy Tail, and has had a Fistula. He has been posted, and appraised at 30 Shillings. The Owner may have him on paying as the Law directs.

John Mims.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living near *Amelia* Court-house, a bay Horse about four Feet six Inches high, a small Star in his Forehead, Saddle Spots on both Sides of his Back, a long sprig Tail, and branded on the near Buttock thus 9. He has been posted, and appraised to three Pounds. The Owner may have him on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

William Wright.

THE Ship *Industry*, *Matthias Miller* Commander at present, now lying at *Norfolk*, belonging to the Subscriber, Burthen 200 Tons, capable of mounting 20 Carriage and 20 Swivel Guns, Conveniencies for entertaining 120 Men, known to be a prime Sailor, a well built Ship, the Timber all of Mulberry and Cedar, and to all Appearance as sound as when she was built, is now making ready for a Privateer, and shall proceed as such soon: Provided Gentlemen who are inclined to venture their Money in that Way, will favor him with a Note what Sum they will subscribe; and as soon as there is a Sum sufficient to [illegible] on the Design it shall immediately be put into Execution, and proper Stores will be provided. The Owner for his Part will put in £. 500 certain: The Ship and Effects shall be first valued by indifferent Judges, so that the Owner wants no Advantage by the Sale of her: It is thought when fitted for Sea, with Men and Provisions, she will cost between four and five Thousand Pounds: She is as well found now as an Merchant Ship can be. Those who are inclinable are desired to let him know how much they will put in as soon as possible, as many have wrote to him already.

John Hutchings.

N. B. The Captain and other Officers to be chosen by the Majority of the Subscribers.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Subscriber, in *Williamsburg*, a middle siz'd black Horse, with a sprig Tail, his hind Hoofs much worn, paces and canters, and branded on the near Buttock W: Whoever brings him to me shall have ten Shillings Reward, if taken within ten Miles of *Williamsburg*, and a Pistole if further.

Christopher Ford.

TAKEN up by me, living in *Essex* County, a middle sized sorrel Horse, with a large Blaze in his Face, a large sprig Tail, and branded I S. He has been posted and appraised according to Law to two Pounds. Any Person laying just Claim to the said Horse, may have him on paying as the Law directs from

Henry Vest.

To be SOLD,

AT *King William* next *September* Court Day, a Tract of Land about 800 Acres, situate near *Aylett*'s Warehouse in the said County, formerly belonging to *Thomas Taylor*, and by him mortgaged to the Hon. *John Blair* Esq; The Persons claiming under the Mortgage, will make a proper Conveyance, with Warranty, against themselves only. The Premisses to be entered on the first of *December* next. Credit will be allowed for one Half the Purchase Money till *April* 1st, and for the other Half till the 1st of *December*, 1757, on Bond, with good Security, given to the Executors of Mr. *James Shelton*, deceased.

John Fleming.

YORK-COUNTY, ff.

COMMITTED to the Goal of this County, the 14th Instant, a Negroe Boy, named *Tom*, had on a coarse Wastecoat, a Pair of Sailor's Trowsers, has a large Scar on his right Cheek, has two Toes on his left Foot considerably shorter than the other three, and has a large Scar on the fore Part of his left Leg. He is about five Feet high, and appears to be about 12 Years of Age; says he belongs to one Capt. *Bottarel* or *Bottery*; that six more Negroes came in a Boat with him to an Island, known by the Name of *Cow-Island*, in this County, on the *Bay* Shore.

Samuel Read, Sheriff.

WANTED,

ABOUT 280 Feet of *Purbeck*, and 80 Feet of blue *Shrewsberry* Stone, for compleating the Piazzas of the Capitol in *Williamsburg*. Any Person who can furnish the same, or any Part, are desired to communicate their Terms, with the several Dimensions of the Stone they may have to dispose of, to Mr. *Christopher Ford* Junior, in *Williamsburg*, or to me in *Cumberland* County.

John Fleming.

N. B. The Size of Stone that will best answer is 18 Inches Square.

TAKEN up on the 10th Day of *June* last by the Subscriber, living in *Essex* County, near *Sailes* Church, a small light gray Horse, not branded, with a sprig Tail. He has been posted and appraised according to Law. Any Person laying just Claim to the said Horse, may have him on paying as the Law directs to

Thomas Loyde.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Suffex* County, a dark gray Horse, with a cloudy Face, and the Half of his Mane cut off, has a short sprig Tail, and is about four Feet six Inches high, and branded on the near Buttock and Shoulders thus or He has been appraised to one Pound ten Shillings. Whoever owns the said Horse, may have of me paying as the Law directs.

Charles Judkins.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Goochland* County, on *Tuckahoe* Creek, three Steers, viz. one red and white, something brindled, and about five or six Years old; another of the same Color, about four Years old, and a black one of four Years old, all of the same Mark, which is a Crop and two Slits in the right Ear, and a Crop and under Keel in the left. The Proprietor may have them of me, paying as the Law directs.

Philip Webber, Junior.

TO be run at *Lloyds* Town, the third *Thursday* in *September* next, a Sweep-stake Match, for 200 Pistoles, by *America* bred Horses, five Years old, a four Mile Heat, carrying 10 Stone; and next Day a Match for 50 Pistoles by *Virginia* bred Horses.

Mark Talbot.

For LONDON,

THE Snow PELHAM, *George Yuille* Master, lying at *Bermuda* Hundred, *James* River; will be ready to take in Tobacco in ten Days, for any Merchant in *London*: Gentlemen inclinable to ship are desired to send their Orders to Mr. *Thomas Yuille*, Merchant, in *Dale's Gift*, Bristol, or the Master on Board.

George Yuille.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living on the *Piatt* Swamp in *Southampton* County, a middle sized gray Mare, about eight Years old, about 13 Hands and an Half high, a sprig Tail, and a Snip on his Nose, one glass Eye, some saddle Spots, and has had a Fistula, is brinded on the near Buttock thus X, her Mane between her Ears, lately trimmed, had on a small Bell, has been posted, and appraised to two Pounds ten Shillings. The Owner may have her on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs,

William Mackmore.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Surry* County on *Black-Water*, a bright bay Horse, about 13 Hands high, his four Feet white, white Face, one white Eye, paces slow, and is branded on the near Buttock S. He has been posted and appraised according to Law. The Owner may have him of me paying as the Law directs.

Robert Pulley.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, living in *Richmond* County, a small bay Horse with a bob Tail, white Feet, a Star in his Forehead, a Snip on his Nose, and branded on the near Shoulder E. The Owner may him on proving his Property, and paying as the Law directs.

John Tarpley.

TAKEN up at my Plantation, on *Sailer* Creek, in *Amelia* County, a large black Steer, with white under his Belly, his Horns sawed, and the End of his Tail off. His Mark is a half Crop and Slit in the right Ear, the Crop in the under Side, the left Ear is crept very short, and has a Slit, or Swallow Fork. He seems as if he was a drought Steer, and has been at my Plantation ever since the first of last Summer. The Owner may have him of me proving his Right, and paying as the Law directs.

David Greenhill.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, in *Culpeper* County, a middle siz'd Sorrel Horse, with a Blaze on his Face, a bob Tail, two white Feet, paces well, and branded on the near Shoulder S, and on the near Buttock D; he has been posted and appraised to seven Pounds. The Owner may have him, paying as the Law directs.

Thomas Wright.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, near *Babel* Run, in *Culpeper* County, a middle siz'd white Mare, paces well, no Brand visible: Also an Iron grey Colt, about two Years old, paces naturally, and branded on the near Buttock W. The Owner may have them, paying as the Law directs.

John Roberts.

RUN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, in *Charles-City* County, a Negroe Man, named *Will*, a lusty well-made Fellow, appears to be near 40 Years old, is much scar'd on his Back with a Whip, his Teeth bad, and marked his Country Mark. He formerly belonged to Mr. *William Dudley*, near *Poropotank*, in *King* and *Queen* County.

Whoever secures the said Runaway so that I may get him again, shall receive half a Pistole Reward, besides what the Law allows.

William Lightfoot.

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